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SUBJECT; 59TH NATO MINISTERIAL/SUMMIT MEETING, LONDON, U.K.
AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL ON U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT

REFS: A. USNATO 2440, 271301Z APR 77,
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1. AS ADDITIONAL JUSTIFICATION SUPPORTING REQUEST REFTEL
A, AS REQUIRED BY PARA 14-3 BRAVO REF B, TO PERMIT WIVES
OF AMB BENNETT AND DCM STREATOR TO ACCOMPANY HUSBANDS
ABOARD MILITARY C-12 AIRCRAFT PROVIDED BY CINCEUCOM FOR
LONDON SUMMIT/MINISTERIAL, MISSION BELIEVES THAT AUTHORITY
REQUESTED IS IN NATIONAL INTEREST AND ESSENTIAL TO
PROPER ACCOMPLISHMENT OF MISSION IN ADDITION TO BEING
DESIRABLE FROM A DIPLOMATIC PROTOCOL VIEWPOINT.

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2. WIVES OF OFFICIAL DELEGATION MEMBERS HAVE TRADITIONALLY
ACCOMPANIED THEIR HUSBANDS WHEN THE HOST GOVERNMENT HAS
SPECIFICALLY INVITED THEM FOR FORMAL FUNCTIONS AND WHEN
MILITARY AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN AVAILABLE AND SEATS ARE
AVAILABLE. ALL CONDITIONS ARE MET IN THIS INSTANCE.
HM GOVERNMENT HAS EXTENDED INVITATION TO AMB AND MRS. BEN-
NETT TO DINE WITH QUEEN ON 10 MAY. AN OFFICIAL LADIES
PROGRAM HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR 10 MAY STARTING IN MORNING
AND INCLUDING LUNCH AS WELL AS BUFFET AND A THEATER
PERFORMANCE. THE SYG AND ALL MARRIED NATO PERMANENT

REPRESENTATIVES AND DEPUTIES ARE USUALLY ACCOMPANIED
BY THEIR WIVES TO MINISTERIALS HELD ABROAD
AND IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE U.S. DELEGATION
TO BE A CONSPICUOUS EXCEPTION IN THIS INSTANCE.

3. THE REQUEST FOR SUBSTITUTION AUTHORIZATION, ALTHOUGH
PROBABLY SUPERFLUOUS IN THIS INSTANCE, IS ROUTINELY
MADE TO PERMIT LAST MINUTE CHANGES DUE TO SICKNESS,
INDISPOSITION, ETC. AND TO ENABLE USE OF ALL AVAILABLE
SEATS IN AIRCRAFT FOR AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL DELEGATION
WIVES WHERE POSSIBLE.

4. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION SOONEST.

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